

Address by the Organizer at the Opening Ceremony of
The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer 18th World
Conference on Lung Cancer

Juichi Yamagiwa
President of Science Council of Japan

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Pacifico Yokohama

Your Imperial Highness The Crown Prince,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my great honor to deliver an address as a co-organizer at the Opening Ceremony of The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer 18th World Conference on Lung Cancer, in the presence of His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Prof. Hisao Asamura, and Prof. Keunchil Park, Co-Presidents of The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer 18th World Conference on Lung Cancer, and Prof. David Carbone, President of The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer along with Prof. Fred Hirsch, CEO of The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, who really contributed to the convening of this Conference.

Science Council of Japan is a representative institution of Japan's scientific communities of all kinds, from Humanities to Engineering, including Life Sciences and Physical Sciences. Our primary purpose is to develop and advance scientific outcomes to ensure that the science is reflected in, and infiltrates policy making, industry, and people's lives.

Since its establishment in 1949, with a view of promoting international exchange in science, we have deepened our ties with research institutions worldwide by hosting international conferences in Japan and dispatching researchers to conferences held abroad.

We are very pleased to host this international conference and welcome participants from many countries and regions.

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in the world. Recent advancements in molecular targeted treatment and immune checkpoint inhibitor have improved prospects for longer survival; however, comprehensive approaches to lung cancer requires advancements in such associated factors as surgical treatment, radiation treatment, medication, screening, smoking cessation, and patient support. I believe that main theme of this academic conference "Synergy to conquer lung cancer" shall be achieved through integration of the rich knowledge of practitioners in all fields related to lung cancer treatment.

As a co-organizer I hope that our academic conference will establish a milestone toward advancement in lung cancer treatment and prevention as well as offering an opportunity to drive forward the campaign against lung cancer.

Before closing my welcome address, I would like to express my wish for the great success of this conference. In addition, I hope that your stay in Yokohama, and in Japan, will be enjoyable and memorable, and will foster a fine understanding of Japan.

Thank you for your attention.